



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
May 9, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing, and Community Services
 Subject: Accept California Strengthening Public Health Initiative Funds from the State of California

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to accept grant funds and to execute any resultant revenue agreement, any amendments, and extensions from the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) Strengthening Public Health Initiative in the projected amount of \$650,928. This funding is to be utilized from December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley will receive funds in the expected amount of \$130,186.00 annually from the State of California to be utilized for FY 2024 through the first half of FY 2028. This grant is not included in the adopted FY 2024 budget. Funding is subject to appropriation in the FY 2024 – FY 2028 budget(s) in the Operating Grants – Federal Fund (Fund 301). There is no match requirement for this funding.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On December 4, 2022, CDPH received a Notice of Award (NOA) from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the California Strengthening Public Health Initiative (CASPHI). CDPH has allocated funds to local health jurisdictions to support the strengthening of public health infrastructure. The formula-based allocation is designed to emphasize a focus on equity based on three weighted inputs: 30% population, 35% race/ethnicity, and 35% poverty. These inputs are calculated using hybrid weighting that incorporates the proportion of the total statewide population (at 30%) and the percentage of the total LHJ population (at 70%) for which these inputs apply.

This grant will expand and enhance the public health workforce to prioritize equity by identifying and addressing health disparities that disproportionately impact underserved and higher-risk communities.

The California Strengthening Public Health Initiative Grant is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goals to champion and demonstrate social and racial equity, and advancing our goal to attract and retain a talented and diverse City government workforce.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley receives funding from many sources annually to conduct efforts towards improving the health of the community and addressing health disparities affecting disproportionately impacted populations that are higher risk and underserved, including racial and ethnic groups, and those experiencing socioeconomic disparities. As a local health jurisdiction, the City is entitled to specific State funding to meet core public health objectives. The Public Health Officer Unit, within the HHCS Office of the Director, is committed to providing essential services to the community to prevent the spread of disease and to promote healthy, equitable environments.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Accepting these funds will allow the City to grow its infrastructure for public health.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

ACCEPTING OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH
INITIATIVE FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley has been a public health jurisdiction for more than one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services works to promote healthy, equitable environments and behaviors, protect residents from disease, and prevent illness, disability, and premature death; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of public health infrastructure needs throughout California the CDC awarded CDPH funds for the California Strengthening Public Health Initiative; and

WHEREAS, as a public health jurisdiction, the City is eligible to receive an allocation of California Strengthening Public Health Initiative funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to accept grant funds, submit grant agreements to the State of California, and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments for the California Strengthening Public Health Initiative for an amount of \$650,928 for Fiscal Year 2024 through the first half of Fiscal Year 2028. Funds will be expended from ERMA account 301-51-501-503-0000-000-451- various and revenue will be received in 301-51-501-503-0000-000-000-431110-. A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

